पुस्तक का नाम	लेखक का नाम	पुरस्कार की रकम
5. अपराध अन्वेशण एवं अभियोजन	प्रकाश चन्द्र जैन	3,000 रु० (तृतीय पुरस्कार)
6. मोटरयान अधिनियम, 1988	रामसेवक शर्मा	5,000 रु० (द्वितीय पुरस्कार)

Free legal aid

2775. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are provisions of free legal aids to the poor, women and widows;

(b) if so, what are the criteria; and

(c) what is the number of such persons benefited by this legal aid provision in West Bengal, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. An Indian citizen whose annual income from all sources does not exceed Rs. 6,000/- upto High Court and Rs. 12,000/- for Supreme Court cases, according to the existing Legal Aid Scheme, is entitled to free legal aid.

This limitation as to income is, however, not applicable to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Vimukta Jatis, nomadic tribes, women (including widows) and children.

(c) The number of persons benefited by the Delhi Legal Aid & Advice Board during the financial years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 is as under:-

Financial Year	General	Women
1988-89	1,199	731
1989-90	1,331	756
1990-91	1,175	670

Requisite information will be laid on the Table of the House when received from the West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar State Legal Aid & Advice Boards.

Agitation by Delhi Bar Association

2776. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Bar Association has been agitating for transfer of Original Pecuniary jurisdiction (Civil Trial Cases) from High Court to District Court (As prevailing in other States) and to shelve the proposal of bifurcation of City Civil Courts into 5 Districts (as City Civil Courts are not divided anywhere in the country); and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) the lawyers of the Delhi Bar Association have been agitating demanding that the original pecuniary jurisdiction of the District Court of Delhi should be raised and that the District Court should not be bifurcated. However the Delhi High Court lawyers have been agitating that the District Court should be bifurcated. The Government is of the view that the interest of the litigant public of Delhi has to be the main criterion in effecting changes and that both enhancement of